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Dear Sir:

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The above-identified patent application claims priority to German Patent Application No. DE 19903576.8 filed 29 January 1999. Applicants' attorney encloses a copy of United States Patent No. 5,381,224, which was cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application.

A copy of the cited reference is enclosed together with PTO-Form 1449.

Respectfully submitted,



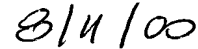
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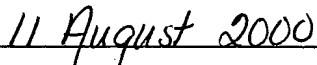
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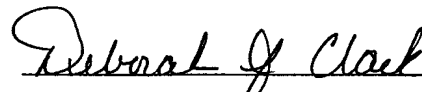
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